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For: METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR THE
DETECTION OF ANTIBODIES TO ADENOVIRUS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH
SEQUENCE LISTING REQUIREMENTS**

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice mailed February 22, 2002 (copy enclosed), please consider the following. Also enclosed is a Marked-Up Amendment showing all changes to the claims.

AMENDMENT

Please enter the following Amendment to the claims before substantive examination of the above-referenced Application.

In the claims: Please cancel claims 4-7, 9-15 and 17, 19 and 20; add new claims 21-27 and amend claims 1, 8, 16 and 18 as follows:

1 (Amended). A method for detecting an antibody capable of binding to adenovirus comprising the steps of:

The changes to claims 2, 3 and 8 are formal changes which do not add any new matter; written support for these claims appears, for example, at the respective claims as filed.

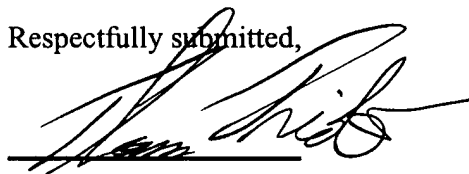
Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications
Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures

A diskette is enclosed which includes a Substitute Sequence Listing for the above-referenced application which corrects the errors indicated in the Notice. A paper copy of the file is also attached.

The sequences in the present Substitute Sequence Listing were submitted with the original specification; therefore, no new matter has been added to the application. Furthermore, the contents of the attached paper entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING" and of the accompanying, identically labeled diskette, specifically the text file therein labeled "jb0976 seqlist.ST25", are the same.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited

Respectfully submitted,

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